reaction of Government to the recommendations made in the report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The Tiwari Committee which had submitted its final report in September, 1983 had, inter-alia, recommended the establishment of special tribunals to adjudicate on all matters in relation to recovery of dues of Banks and Financial Institutions. All issues arising out of the proposed enactment of special recovery legislation for the constitution of tribunals are being examined in a time bound manner.

Monitoring of Big Accounts

1072. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has instructed the banks to monitor the big accounts in operation in various banks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to improving the management and internal systems within banks as well as their efficiency and performance, the public sector banks are implementing action plans covering, inter-alia, the close monitoring of large borrowal accounts. RBI instructions to public sectors banks emphasise the need for the close monitoring of such accounts which would result into improvements in the quality of loan assets, besides enabling banks to initiate prompt corrective steps and strengthen their existing measures to recover or regularise stickly advances.

Inquiry into the Alleged Violation of Import Duty Norms by Voltas Limited

1073. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Enforcement Wing under the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports (C.C.I. & E.) has started any inquiry into the alleged violation of import duty norms by Voltas Limited as reported in the Financial Express dated the 11th February, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any prima facie case for investigation against Voltas has been established by the Enforcement Wing and if so, by when the enquiry is likely to be completed by the concerned authorities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTAMDAS PATEL): (a) and (c) Enforcement Wing of CCI&E has started inquiry into the alleged violation of import provisions by M/s. Voltas Limited Investigation is in progress and steps are being taken to finalise it expeditiously.

Revision of D.A. of Central Government Employees

1074. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:
SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether revision of dearness allowance of Central Government employees is done in January and July every year;

(b) whether revision of D.A. due in the month of January, 1991 has since been made and orders issued, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when these are likely to be issued?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) As per existing scheme, Dearness Allowance (D.A.) payable to the Central Government employees is revised twice in a year, from 1st January and 1st July. Another instalment of Dearness Allowance has fallen due with effect from 1.1.1991. The matter regarding grant of this instalment is under consideration and a decision will be taken soon.

Refund of Income Tax and Corporate Tax

1075. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have given directions to the effect that no refunds towards income-tax and corporate tax are to be paid;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) how much of the refunds due on the 15th February, 1991 remains unpaid?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such statistics are being maintained.

Setting up of Product wise Growth Centres in the country

1076. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for setting up product-wise growth centres in different parts of the country on the lines of the hosiery complex established at Tirupur in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) and (b) Such a suggestion is made to the State Governments who have to provide land and other infrastructural facilities like water, power, roads, etc.

Exports of Castor Oil

1077. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exporters of castor oil have failed to honour their commitments to overseas buyers because of high prices at home; and

(b) if so, whether any action was taken to give them Cash Compensatory Support to increase the export of castor oil?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Instructions regarding import of capital goods

1078. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any instructions regarding non-issuance of licence for the import of capital goods for the value of more than Rs. 10,000.

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for the same;